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# **SALEYARDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

# **MINUTES**

**A meeting of the Saleyards Advisory Committee  
was held in the Committee Room,  
Lowood Road, Mount Barker WA 6324  
at 3:00pm on Tuesday 10 December 2024**

  
**Julian Murphy**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**



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**Membership**

Cr J Oldfield (Presiding Member)

Cr L Handasyde

Cr A Fraser

Cr B Bell

Cr J Liebeck (Deputy for any member)

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**1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS**

3.01 pm The Presiding Member declared the meeting open.

**2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES**Members Present

Cr J Oldfield – Presiding Member

Cr L Handasyde

Cr B Bell

Cr J Liebeck

Staff

Mr J Murphy, Chief Executive Officer

Mr A Pinto, Executive Manager Development & Regulatory Services

Mr G Moore, Saleyards Manager

Mrs H Purves, Executive Officer Governance

**3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Moved Cr L Handasyde, seconded Cr J Liebeck

**That the Minutes of Ordinary meeting of the Saleyards Advisory Committee, held on 9 July 2024 as circulated, to be taken as read and adapted as a correct record.**

**CARRIED (4-0)**

**4 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

Nil

## 5 REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

### 5.1 MANAGER'S REPORT – DECEMBER 2024

#### **Livestock Sales**

The double sale season has commenced with Weaner sales held on a Thursday and a Trade sale on Fridays. December and January will also host a series of special sales to be held on a Tuesday.

#### **Westcoast Livestock**

Notice was given from Westcoast Livestock (WCL) that they would not be seeking to renew their agreement to sell out of the Mount Barker Saleyards any longer, all WCL signage has been removed from the yards.

#### **Staff Canteen**

Progress has been made with the canteen and it is now in use by Saleyards staff.

#### **Software Upgrade**

Erika has been working on the upgrade from *LE Saleyards* software to the new *Stockyard* software. There are still some bugs to iron out of the system, but progress is being made on these. Once these bugs have been sorted out, the software will be implemented into the current process.

#### **Saleyards W - Pens**

We have purchased some prefabricated yard panels to divide the small W pens into smaller yards at the request of Elders who use these pens as part of their allocation.

#### **Settling Pond**

We are still awaiting quote from a plumber to finish the works; we are struggling to get them to site. Current manual operation is working well and not taking up excessive man hours, automation would be ideal but not necessary in the immediate future. Noticeable improvements either way, happy to continue with the 12 month trial as is for now.

#### **2024 – 2025 Budget Items**

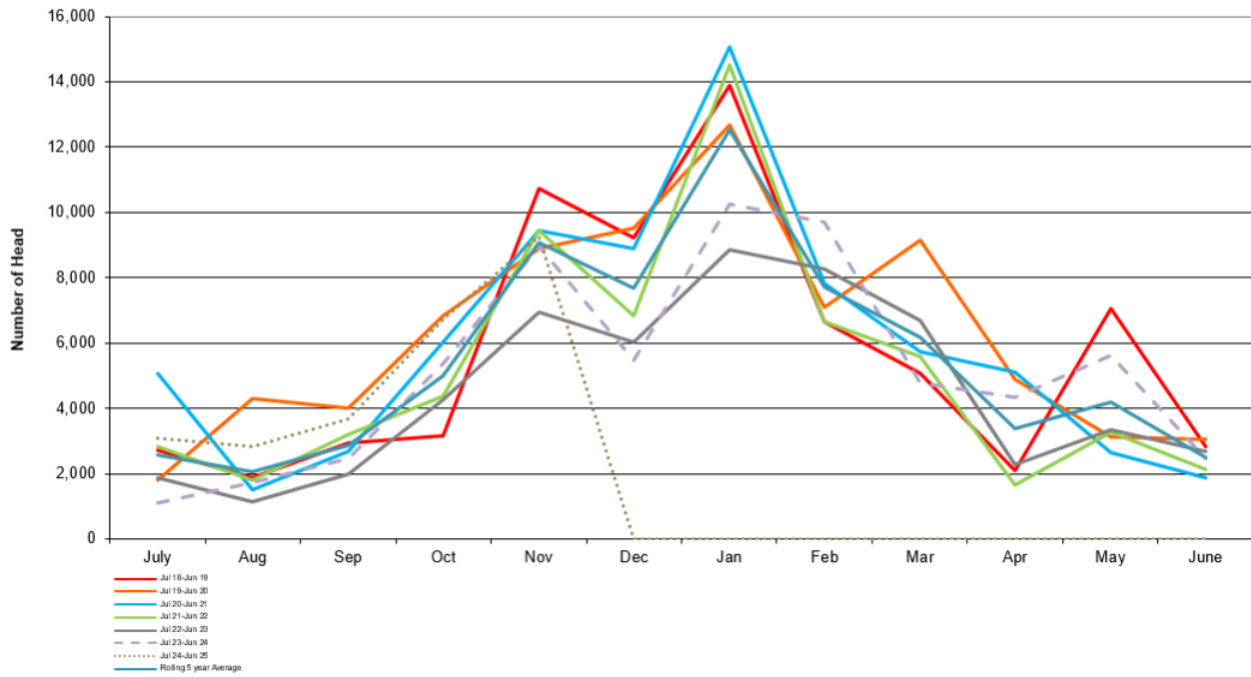
**Hay Shed** – \$40k Funding for a hay shed has been approved and a shed has been sourced. Expected delivery date of shed kit is 12.12.24. An appropriate site has been identified and a builder has been engaged to organize all approvals and construction.

**Soft Floor Mats** – \$60k has been allocated for the purchase of more soft floor matting to go into the sale pens. A quote is pending and should be available to present to the committee at the December 2024 meeting.

**Ablution Block Canopy Roof** – \$20k has been allocated to put a roof between the main building and the new ablution block. A quote was requested of three local businesses; 2 declined to quote and the third was over budget. Further investigation and quoting will be required to continue this project.

STATISTICS AND GRAPHS:

Total Cattle Throughput



TOTAL YARD THROUGHPUT -

1,564,417

	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	Totals	
Jul 01-Jun 02	2,639	2,597	2,653	4,263	5,478	6,083	11,013	7,148	3,755	3,442	3,296	3,242	55,609	
Jul 02-Jun 03	2,937	3,344	2,261	4,640	4,930	6,218	13,673	7,479	5,977	2,434	4,239	2,721	60,853	
Jul 03-Jun 04	2,109	2,250	2,696	5,093	5,297	6,704	13,503	8,149	4,488	4,149	3,842	2,615	60,895	
Jul 04-Jun 05	3,631	2,734	3,945	5,893	9,493	10,792	15,865	6,112	3,793	3,154	2,631	4,824	72,867	
Jul 05-Jun 06	1,866	1,506	2,948	3,999	5,922	8,335	10,678	8,994	5,333	2,315	3,473	4,135	59,504	
Jul 06-Jun 07	2,199	3,817	2,818	5,618	8,785	6,517	10,631	7,141	4,729	2,456	5,155	3,322	63,188	
Jul 07-Jun 08	2,065	4,069	3,571	4,826	6,625	7,068	16,270	10,799	7,542	6,768	6,409	4,720	80,732	
Jul 08-Jun 09	3,268	1,544	2,120	4,876	5,666	7,120	17,117	9,483	4,829	4,153	5,644	4,298	70,118	
Jul 09-Jun 10	2,552	1,949	2,505	4,952	4,834	8,872	15,832	9,664	6,385	6,553	6,757	3,777	74,632	
Jul 10-Jun 11	3,594	2,270	4,755	7,854	12,496	10,535	14,480	6,427	6,025	4,059	4,227	2,862	79,584	
Jul 11-Jun 12	1,346	2,099	3,879	3,729	5,781	9,287	11,064	10,191	7,334	3,323	4,862	3,108	66,003	
Jul 12-Jun 13	2,599	2,015	2,231	4,469	6,035	6,523	15,052	8,933	4,224	4,366	6,479	3,775	66,701	
Jul 13-Jun 14	2,410	2,650	2,906	4,750	6,194	7,788	18,173	7,730	5,297	4,010	4,828	2,274	69,010	
Jul 14-Jun 15	1,904	2,150	2,823	5,235	6,777	9,607	15,805	9,488	4,733	3,867	3,552	3,720	69,661	
Jul 15-Jun 16	2,959	1,657	2,503	6,023	6,424	8,575	12,452	5,498	4,844	4,328	3,010	4,384	62,657	
Jul 16-Jun 17	2,955	1,693	2,541	3,666	6,489	10,052	12,885	8,352	4,582	4,532	4,113	3,179	65,039	
Jul 17-Jun 18	2,094	1,480	1,974	2,793	7,720	9,978	14,485	6,056	5,993	5,372	6,834	2,932	67,711	
Jul 18-Jun 19	2,735	1,856	2,949	3,148	10,718	9,234	13,890	6,664	5,085	2,082	7,041	2,828	68,230	
Jul 19-Jun 20	1,804	4,297	3,990	6,842	8,888	9,526	12,669	7,106	9,147	4,892	3,105	3,039	75,305	
Jul 20-Jun 21	5,066	1,505	2,688	6,012	9,434	8,903	15,049	7,811	5,739	5,108	2,639	1,863	71,817	
Jul 21-Jun 22	2,821	1,799	3,197	4,363	9,448	6,836	14,501	6,637	5,597	1,654	3,272	2,113	62,238	
Jul 22-Jun 23	1,872	1,138	1,990	4,261	6,945	6,015	8,856	8,250	6,693	2,263	3,359	2,696	54,338	
Jul 23-Jun 24	1,119	1,716	2,453	5,350	8,971	5,478	10,234	9,718	4,774	4,330	5,614	2,447	62,204	
Jul 24-Jun 25	3,076	2,817	3,679	6,706	9,243								25,521	
													Total	1,564,417
													Avg to Jun 2023	67,122

**TRUCK WASHDOWN STATS**

Date	Flowmeter start	Flowmeter Stop	KL used
30/10/2023	113700	113870	170
6/11/2023	113870	113999	129
13/11/2023	113999	114117	118
20/11/2023	114117	114224	107
27/11/2023	114224	114342	118
4/12/2023	114342	114444	102
11/12/2023	114444	114621	177
18/12/2023	114621	114721	100
25/12/2023	0	0	0
2/01/2024	114721	114812	91
8/01/2024	114812	114907	95
15/01/2024	114907	114995	88
22/01/2024	114995	115115	120
29/01/2024	115115	115226	111
5/02/2024	115226	115321	95
12/02/2024	115321	115420	99
19/02/2024	115420	115525	105
26/02/2024	115525	115725	200
5/03/2024	115725	115796	71
11/03/2024	115796	115876	80
18/03/2024	115876	115965	89
25/03/2024	115965	116043	78
2/04/2024	116043	116186	143
8/04/2024	116186	116322	136
15/04/2024	116322	116392	70
22/04/2024	116392	116529	137
29/04/2024	116529	116647	118
6/05/2024	116647	116837	190
13/05/2024	116837	116949	112
20/05/2024	116949	117065	116
27/05/2024	117065	117177	112
4/06/2024	117177	117279	102
10/06/2024	117279	117377	98
17/06/2024	117377	117437	60
24/06/2024	117437	117515	78
1/07/2024	117515	117557	42
8/07/2024	117557	117570	13
15/07/2024	117570	117597	27
22/07/2024	117597	117663	66
29/07/2024	117663	117730	67
5/08/2024	117730	117782	52
12/08/2024	117782	117852	70
19/08/2024	117852	117920	68
26/08/2024	117920	117978	58
2/09/2024	117978	118102	124
9/09/2024	118102	118168	66
16/09/2024	118168	118307	139
23/09/2024	118307	118381	74
30/09/2024	118381	118487	106
7/10/2024	118487	118583	96
14/10/2024	118583	118753	170
21/10/2024	118753	118886	133
28/10/2024	118886	119009	123
4/11/2024	119009	119026	17
11/11/2024	119026	119417	391
18/11/2024	119417	119596	179
25/11/2024	119596	119833	237
2/12/2024	119833		-119833

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Simple Majority

There was general discussion in relation to the departure of Westcoast Livestock (WCL) as an agent and a possible replacement third agent [Australian Wool Network (AWN)]. Councillors asked staff to look into the legal impact for trade

practices of a third agent. The LE Saleyards software was also discussed, issue with the new software's current inability to provide both lot and pen numbers. It can only provide one or the other. The contractor believes the issue will be resolved soon.

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION / COMMITTEE DECISION**

Moved Cr B Bell, seconded Cr J Liebeck

That the report of the Saleyards Manager, relating to current activities at the Mount Barker Regional Saleyards, be received.

**CARRIED (4-0)**



**5.2 SALEYARDS FINANCIAL REPORT – 31 OCTOBER 2024**

**File No:** CA/126/1

**Attachment:** Saleyards Financials 31 October 2024

**Responsible Officer:** André Pinto  
Executive Manager Development & Regulatory Services

**Author:** André Pinto  
Executive Manager Development & Regulatory Services

**Proposed Meeting Date:** 10 December 2024

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to review the financial position of the Mount Barker Regional Saleyards for the period ending 31 October 2024.

**STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT**

There are no statutory implications for this report.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

There are no policy implications for this report.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

This report identifies the current operating position of the Mount Barker Regional Saleyards.

**STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

There are no strategic implications for this report.

**OFFICER COMMENT**

A financial statement showing the 31 October 2024 position of operating and capital budget items as well as reserve accounts is attached for information.

The Operating Profit (excluding Depreciation) is currently sitting at \$4,322, which is positive to see so far.

The Mount Barker Regional Saleyards Capital Improvement Reserve Account is currently sitting at \$95,720.

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Simple Majority

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION / COMMITTEE DECISION**

Moved Cr B Bell, seconded Cr J Liebeck:

That the proposed report of the financial position of the Mount Barker Regional Saleyards for the period ending 31 October 2024, be received.

**CARRIED (4-0)**

**6 GENERAL BUSINESS**

- a. General discussion regarding reinstating existing bores. G Moore to liaise with K Hemming before actioning further. A Pinto advised ICT have reviewed IT assets at the Saleyards to assist improved service delivery.
- b. General discussion regarding if cameras were still in use at the saleyard entry. Staff advised still in use, however, as some people know about the free shower access it is planned to increase camera angles to encompass a broader view as a deterrent.

**7 NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is to be held on Tuesday 18 March 2025.

**8 MEETING CLOSURE**

3.26 pm The Presiding Member declared the meeting closed.